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**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as set forth below and consider the following remarks.

**In the claims:**

Please cancel claims 5-28, 30-31 and 33-43 without prejudice or disclaimer as directed to a non-elected invention. Replace the pending claims with the following:

1. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- a) a mature form of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 14;
- b) a variant of a mature form of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 14, wherein any amino acid in the mature form is changed to a different amino acid, provided that no more than 15% of the amino acid residues in the sequence of the mature form are so changed;
- c) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 14;
- d) a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 14 wherein any amino acid specified in the chosen sequence is changed to a different amino acid, provided that no more than 15% of the amino acid residues in the sequence are so changed; and
- e) a fragment of any of a) through d).

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